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DELAY IN CONCLUSION OF CONTRACT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its Report No. 7 of 2002 for the year ended March, 1999 brought out avoidable extra expenditure of Rs. 1.05 crore because of delayed conclusion of contract;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has examined the matter referred to it in August, 1999; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. However, the year of the report is 2000.

(b) & (c): The matter has been examined by the Ministry and it has been found that initially delay in finalisation of tender was due to heavy snowfall because of which safe bearing capacity and other properties of the soil could not be ascertained immediately. Later soil investigation report revealed very low bearing capacity not safe to construct the building. This alongwith geological findings that Dalhausie hills fall under shrinkage/sliding zone resulted in change of site and revision of structural designs/drawings. Further re-tendering had to be resorted to due to quoting of high rates and poor response from contractors. Thus the examination of the case reveals that delayed conclusion of contract was owing to many unavoidable circumstances and reasons for which no action is called for. Based on this an Action Taken Note was sent to DG Audit Defence Services, who has provisionally vetted it.